

SEPTEMBER 22, 2004 MEETING

374 HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

MINUTES

Commissioners Present

Steven Afriat, President
Renee Campbell, Vice President
James Barger, Secretary
Sylvia Robledo
Diana Wood

County Representatives

Richard Townsend, County Counsel
Jonathan Geller, County Counsel
Patricia Torres, County Counsel
Alfonso Medina, DHS Environmental Health
Veronica Giles-Kinney, DHS Envir. Health
Alex Garcia, Regional Planning
Steven Jimenez, Treasurer Tax
Karyn Mannis, LASD
Ernie Barbosa, LASD
Evelyn Valdivia, LASD

Commission Services Staff

Steve Erickson
Gabriel Alexander

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Campbell called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

ACTION TAKEN: MINUTES of SEPTEMBER 15, 2004 – Approved

Motion: Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Robledo

Vote: Unanimously carried

RECESS: The Commission recessed at 9:02 a.m.

RECONVENE: The Commission reconvened at 9:06 a.m.

(President Afriat and Commissioner Barger joined the meeting).

COUNTY DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS ON CATERING TRUCK LICENSE REGULATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT

Richard Townsend, County Counsel, spoke on pending appeals related to catering truck licenses and on court rulings related to catering truck license enforcement.

President Afriat indicated that the intent of the presentations was to facilitate enforcement and communication regarding catering truck licenses between DHS, LASD and TTC.

Alfonso Medina, DHS Environmental Health, reported on health regulations for catering trucks, including requirements for restroom facilities and hot water. He then outlined inspections of catering trucks and reported on notification to other departments of inspection problems.

Veronica Giles-Kinney, DHS Environmental Health, explained how the department requires catering trucks to correct health code violations and noted that catering trucks are referred to the District Attorney for prosecution after their second health code violation.

Alex Garcia, Regional Planning, emphasized that catering trucks are not allowed to park on private property.

Steven Jimenez, TTC, reported that his department requires catering trucks to have a public health license and requires DHS approval to renew these licenses.

Commissioners made suggestions about improving communication between DHS and TTC about problems noted from vehicle inspection reports, including copying DHS correspondence referring catering trucks to the District Attorney's office. They also suggested DHS post closures of catering truck facilities on their website. Commissioners requested Richard Townsend to take the lead in coordinating communication between the departments on this issue.

Lieutenant Karyn Mannis, LASD, reported on concerns and complaints from LASD stations about catering trucks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sal Mesa spoke of catering truck violations and on educating the public about health hazards associated with catering trucks.

Philip Greenwald spoke on applying rules and regulations to all industries.

Commissioner Barger suggested Mr. Greenwald send to Commission staff his ideas about a law regulating catering trucks.

CONSENT CALENDAR CHARITABLE SOLICITATIONS

The Blind Children's Center
4120 Marathon Street
Los Angeles (2 Applications)

Jackie Robinson American Legion Auxiliary Unit #252
3828 W. Slauson Ave.
Los Angeles

ACTION TAKEN: The Notice of Intention to Solicit Applications were approved.

Motion: Commissioner Barger, seconded by Commissioner Robledo

Vote: Unanimously carried

MATTERS NOT ON POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING): There were none

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS: There were none.

ADJOURNMENT: The Commission adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Steven Afriat
President